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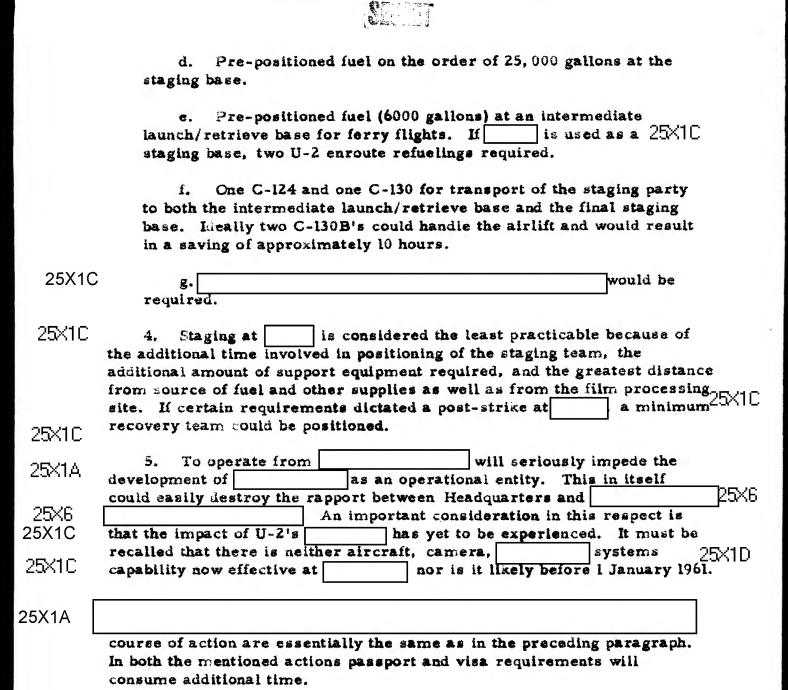
SUBJECT!

IDEALIST Southeast Asia Operations

i. Operational coverage of Southeast Asia can be accomplished within the capabilities of IDEALIST assets. There are four alternative methods:

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- a.
 b.
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- 2. This memorandum is based upon the assumption that a minimum of ten sorties in a thirty day period will satisfy reconnaissance requirements for this operation. The ten sortie planning factor is based on the probable effects of target weather and the anticipation for repeat coverage as well as possible additional coverage of other target areas not presently identified.
 - 3. Operational factors will require the following:
 - a. Approximately 34 persons at a staging base to service two aircraft and associated camera and electronic systems as well as provide communications.
 - b. Approximately 30,000 pounds of equipment to include film and spare parts for ten sorties.
 - c. Two U-2 aircraft to insure operational reliability.



the best solution. Aircraft, equipment, and personnel are all checked out in staging operations. The staging kit from Detachment B will facilitate

orderly movement from Edwards. They can be in place at hours after departure from Edwards if C-130B;s-are used.

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The final alternative

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operation be staged from with personnel and equipment from Detachment G.
is available in the Plans Section for briefing purposes. A book along the lines of this proposal will be prepared for use in briefing the Deputy Director (Plans) and other officials if you approve this recommendation.
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